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*The Religious History of New England.* By JNO. WINTHROP PLATNER, and Others. Cambridge, Harvard University Press. 1917. 347 pp.

A series of King's Chapel Lectures delivered by eight men, each a representative of the denomination about which he speaks. In the lectures emphasis is placed upon the various founders and subsequent leaders in each faith. The principal distinguishing doctrines are explained, and various controversies are discussed; an extended account of the educational and missionary activities is given; the present census and rank of importance of each denomination is presented.

Naturally Congregationalism is given the most prominence and is ably traced from its beginnings in Scrooby, England, to its present status by Prof. John Winthrop Platner.

The Revolt Against the Standing Order is given by Wm. W. Fenn, in which he explains that this revolt against Congregationalism led to the founding of the Free Will Baptist and Christian Churches, and later to the more intellectual and academic Unitarian Church.

President Geo. E. Horr, of Newton Theological Institution, gives the history of the Baptists. The history and tenets of the Quakers are discussed by Rufus M. Jones. Dean Geo. Hodges, of the Episcopal Theological School, tells of the trying experiences encountered in establishing the Episcopal Church in New England. Wm. Edwards Huntington gives a brief summary of the Methodists. John Coleman Adams shows how Universalism was a reaction against both Calvinism and Unitarianism. The philosophy of Emanuel Swedenborg which gave rise to Swedenborgianism is explained by Pres. Wm. L. Worcester, of the New Church Theological School. Much to the regret of the publishers it was impossible to secure either a lecture or an account for publication of the history of Catholicism in New England.

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